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“THE GREEN SPOTLIGHT”

Each month we will spotlight an employee or topic of interest at the NIH.

Our spotlight is shining this month on the **HHS Green Champion Awards**

On Monday June 6th 2011 the HHS announced the FY2010 Green Champion Award winners. The HHS Green Champions Awards recognize exceptional efforts in promoting sustainable operations within the Department of Health and Human Services. This year's winning nominations recognized individuals, small groups and organizations.

These awards are given for efforts in the areas of electronic stewardship, energy and water conservation, environmental management, green procurement, sustainable stewardship, sustainable buildings, and transportation and fleet management.

Congratulations to the 10 NIH awardees;

- **Good Neighbor** – Small group Honorable Mention: NIH/Stoney Creek Pond
- **Change Agents** – Individual Award Winner: NIH – Green Labs Fairs
- **Electronic Stewardship/Data Center Consolidation** – Small Group Award Winner: NIH/ Data Center Multi-Institute Consol, and Organization Award Winner: NIH/NIH End-of-Life Electronic Stewardship
- **Environmental Stewardship** – Organization Honorable Mention: NIH/ Waste Diversion Through Composting and Small Group Award Winner: NIH/ Construction Debris Recycling Program
- **Energy and Fleet Management** (Scope 1&2 GSG Reduction) – Small Group Award Winner: NIH – Building 2 Eco Strip Installation
- **Green Procurement** – Individual Award Winner: NIH - Green Office Management
- **Sustainable Facilities**, Buildings, and Site Planning – Small Group Honorable Mention: NIH – Master Plan Study
- **Water Conservation** – Small Group Award Winner: NIH – Water Resource Management

There will be more detailed information to come on the NEMS website www.nems.nih.gov within the next 2 weeks.



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The HHS sustainability goal this month is Green purchasing with the focus on Green Procurement Policy and farmers market education:

Green Purchasing: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has an increased focus on the purchase of Environmentally Preferable Products (EPP). EPPs, also known as “green” products, have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products that serve the same purpose,

Buying green helps to:

- Comply with environmental laws and regulations
- Reduce pollution
- Conserve natural resources and energy
- Develop new, more environmentally friendly products
- Stimulate new markets for recycled materials and create jobs

Major HHS green goals are as follows:

- Monitor green micro-purchasing process
- Develop a communications plan to promote green purchasing
- Develop and utilize green Strategic Sourcing Blanket Purchasing Agreements (BPAs)
- Establish reporting requirements for green charge card purchases
- Place green procurement performance elements in Senior Management performance plans

Farmers Market Education:

Buy local produce by utilizing Farmers Market. By doing this you help your local economy, you are getting a better, fresher product, and you reduce the carbon footprint by minimizing the transportation of the product.



Upcoming Events and Meetings

Green Team Leads Council Meeting	Sustainable Labs Working Group
Wednesday June 15 th 1:00-3:00	Wednesday June 22, 2011
Bldg 10 Hatfield 2-3750	Building 50 Room 1328/1334 Rear

